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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: AUGUST 13 MEETING OF NATO CYPRUS GROUP

GENEVA FOR HARTMAN

REF: USNATO 4257

1. ACTING SYG PANSA CONVENED CYPRUS GROUP (CHARGES OF BELGIUM, FRANCE, UK AND US PLUS MEUWIS AND LISSFELT FROM IS) TO FAMILIARIZE
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HIMSELF WITH CURRENT SITUATION AT GENEVA TALKS AND DETERMINE WHAT MORE HE SHOULD DO IN DISCHARGE OF SYG'S WATCHING BRIEF TO SUPPORT FONMIN CALLAGHAN'S EFFORTS. PANSA MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE PARTICULARLY SOUGHT ADVICE OF UK AND WOULD DEFER TO THEIR JUDGEMENT IN LIGHT

OF REPORTED TURKISH ULTIMATIM DURING WHAT HAD OBVIOUSLY BEEN A DIFFICULT AUGUST 12 AT GENEVA.

2. LOGAN (UK) REPORTED THAT GUNES AND DENKTASH IN FULL COLLABORATION--EVIDENTLY AS RESULT MEETINGS IN ANKARA LAST WEEK--HAVE PRESSED INSISTENTLY FOR GEOGRAPHIC SEPARATION OF THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES AND HAVE DEMANDED SOME 30 PERCENT - 35 PERCENT OF NORTHERN PART OF ISLAND, AN AREA SOMEWHAT LARGER THAN THAT NOW IN PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF TURKISH ARMY. THEY HAVE SOUGHT A TURKISH CYPRUS/GREEK CYPRUS WITH A "FEDERATION BONNET"; AND GOT NOW ATTEMPTING OBTAIN FOREIGN UNDERSTANDING AND SYMPATHY FOR IDEA AS EVIDENCED BY LEAK OF STORY AND INACCURATE MAP THAT APPEARED IN AUGUST 12 LE FIGARO. THIS SCHEME SEEMED TO BE NOT ENTIRELY UNACCEPTABLE TO MAVROS; BUT CLERIDES HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY ACCEPTING ANY SUCH FORMULA. AS OF AUGUST 11 UK WAS DIRECTING MAJOR EFFORT TO PREPARE AGREED GUIDELINES AND DIRECTIVE STEMMING FROM 1960 CONSTITUTION WHICH WOULD ENABLE CLERIDES AND DENKTASH TO SPEND THREE WEEKS WORKING OUT FABRIC OF SUCH SCHEME WITH VIEW TO RECONVENING AT GENEVA WHEN TWO CYPRIOT LEADERS HAD FINISHED THEIR TASK. HOWEVER, ON AUGUST 12 TURKS PUT FORWARD NEW PROPOSAL EMBRACING MORE GEOGRAPHY WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR CANTONAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT ENTIRE ISLAND GOVERNED BY TURKISH CYPRIOTS. WHEN MAVROS SAID AUGUST 12 PROPOSAL UNACCEPTABLE TO GOG, GUNES REPLIED THAT GENEVA TALKS WERE EFFECTIVELY FINISHED. DURING THE NIGHT PRESSURE WAS BROUGHT TO BEAR ON PRIMIN ECEVIT AND LATTER AGREED TO FURTHER MEETING OF FONMINS AT GENEVA AT 10:00 A.M. AUGUST 13 TO SEE WHETHER FURTHER PROGRESS MIGHT BE MADE.

3. LOGAN SAID HE HAD RECEIVED NO REPORT FROM GENEVA TODAY. GUNES AND DENKTASH COLLABORATING CLOSELY AND EXTREMELY INTRANSIGENT; AND THERE REMAINS DISTINCT POSSIBILITY THAT TURKISH MILITARY WILL MOVE TO SEIZE BY FORCE WHAT TURKISH DIPLOMATS HAVE PROPOSED IF GOG REFUSES EVEN TO DISCUSS THIS LATEST PLAN. PROBLEM FOR NATO SYG AND ALLIES, ACCORDING UK CHARGE, IS WHAT THEY MIGHT DO INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY IN EVENT GENEVA TALKS COLLAPSE AND MOVE BY TURKISH MILITARY SEEMS IMMINENT. AT THIS JUNCTURE HE CONFIDENTIAL

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SUGGESTED THAT PANSA SPEAK SEPARATELY WITH CHORAFAS (GREECE) AND ERALP (TURKEY), ASK THEM ABOUT PROGRESS OF GENEVA TALKS, EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT RECENT TURN OF EVENTS AND AGAIN EXPRESS COMPELLING NEED FOR CYPRUS SOLUTION BY DIPLOMATIC MEANS. SUBSEQUENTLY ANOTHER MEETING OF THE THIRTEEN ALLIES (LESS GREECE AND TURKEY) MIGHT BE USEFUL ON AUGUST 12 TO KEEP CAPITALS CURRENTLY INFORMED. LOGAN SAID UK BELIEVED IT MOST IMPORTANT THAT SYG REFRAIN FROM TAKING STEPS WHICH WOULD PERMANENTLY IMPAIR GREEK TIES TO THE ALLIANCE OR TURKISH TIES TO THE ALLIANCE; AND THAT LONDON FEARED AT ONE POINT IN JULY THAT TURKISH AUTHORITIES HAD FELT THAT NATO WAS EXERTING EXCESSIVE AND IMPROPER PRESSURE ON ANKARA. LOGAN URGED PANSA TO GET INFORMAL ASSESSMENT FROM CHAIRMAN MILITARY COMMITTEE ON MILITARY EFFECTS OF TURKISH-GREEK CONFRONTATION IN

CYPRUS (DIMINISHED EFFECTIVENESS OF NADGE, AIR TRAFFIC ZONE DISPUTE, ETC.) AND RESULTING REDUCED DETERRENCE TO WARSAW PACT. HE ASKED THAT SYG REMAIN READY TO ORCHESTRATE NATO AND BILATERAL ALLIED DEMARCHES IN ONE OR BOTH CAPITALS AT APPROPRIATE TIME IN SUPPORT OF FONMIN CALLAGHAN'S EFFORTS, DEPENDING NATURALLY ON UNPREDICTABLE COURSE THAT NEGOTIATIONS MAY TAKE. HE REMARKED THAT CALLAGHAN HAD ALERTED EC NINE AMBASSADORS IN PARIS FOR MIDNIGHT MEETING AUGUST 12 FOR JUST SUCH AN ORCHESTRATION OF DEMARCHES AT A TIME WHEN TURKS APPEARED TO BE ON POINT OF LEAVING GENEVA; AND HE SAID HMG WOULD WELCOME SIMILAR SUPPORT IF NEED ARISES FROM NATO AND ALL ALLIED GOVERNMENTS.

4. MCAULIFFE (US) AND CARRAUD (FRANCE)--BY PREARRANGEMENT--EXPRESSED THANKS TO LOGAN AND ENDORSED HIS SUGGESTIONS TO PANS. MCAULIFFE DREW ATTENTION TO AMBASSADOR ANDERSON'S AUGUST 12 PRESS STATEMENT RE U.S. OBJECTIVES IN CYPRUS CRISIS AND HIS AFFIRMATION THAT USG NOT TILTING TOWARD ANYONE. CARRAUD SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT ONE OR MORE STRONG AND URGENT REPRESENTATIONS HAD BEEN MADE TO PRIMIN ECEVIT ON AUGUST 12 AND INQUIRED WHETHER PARALLEL REPRESENTATION HAD BEEN MADE TO PRIMIN KARAMANLIS. NO ONE PRESENT COULD ANSWER HIS QUESTION.

5. AT THAT POINT LOGAN RECEIVED WRITTEN MESSAGE ADVISING THAT GENEVA MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 10:00 A.M. AUGUST 13 HAD BEEN POSTPONED BECAUSE MAVRON AND CLERIDES HAD FELT IT NECESSARY TO GET NEW INSTRUCTIONS FROM ATHENS. FONSEC CALLAGHAN IS REPORTEDLY URGING GUNES TO VIEW THIS DEVELOPMENT AS A GOOD CONFIDENTIAL

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AND HOPEFUL OMEN FOR FUTURE PROGRESS AND HAS EXTRACTED AN ASSURANCE THAT TURKISH MILITARY WILL NOT MOVE AS LONG AS GENEVA TAKS CONTINUE.

6. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT FULIDITY OF PRESENT SITUATION, PANS. SAID HE WOULD MEET WITH GREEK AND TURKISH AMBASSADORS SEPARATELY TODAY AND CONFINE HIS REMARKS TO THOSE SUGGESTED BY LOGAN. HE SAW NO PURPOSE IN MEETING AT THIRTEEN BECAUSE AFFAIRS ARE TOO UNSETTLED. HE ASKED THAT MEMBERS OF CYPRUS GROUP BE READY MEET AT ANY TIME ON VERY SHORT NOTICE. AFTER HAVING ASKED WHETHER ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN WAS ALSO IN GENEVA, #3 - (3\$) JOGAN TO KEEP HIM ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY UNFOLD AND TO ASSURE FONSEC CALLAGHAN OF HIS FULL SUPPORT. MCAULIFFE

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